



TERM 4 | WEEK 4



Tēnā koutou e ngā whānau o te kura

Greetings to all the families of the school

I trust this finds you well as the term progresses.

Last week we enjoyed our focus on cultures within the school. The annual parade was a beautiful thing to behold as our children took pride in where they

come from. We noticed an increasing number of pupils being proud to claim their Māori heritage and 37 other flags were paraded alongside this. Our comment to our pupils reflects that, no matter where we are from we are made in our God's image, people of his workmanship, different and yet so much the same. Because we are made in His image we have reason and capacity to treat all as equals. Not only that but our Heavenly Father had a hand in designing the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi (te Tiriti o Waitangi) which is to honour those who were here first, protect their place as first people and, through agreement, welcome everyone else from around the world to be part of this beautiful place. The history of the Treaty and its origins in the UK make for interesting reading and really do highlight God's hand in forming our country. I wonder if sometimes we lose sight of the blessed place that we are in as we focus on what is wrong and miss so much of what is right? God is good!

On quite a different topic, it is surprising how quickly the end of this term will arrive. I heard a discussion on the radio yesterday about when people begin to put up Christmas decorations. It is too early for such things in my mind but there are a number of things for you to be aware of as we begin to close out the year:

Class Placements for 2021 - We have begun the work of placing our pupils into classes for 2021. These decisions take time and every child is considered individually and as part of the bigger picture. There is nothing random about the class placements as we work within the resourcing we have. As you ponder this please be aware that we have done quite a shift of teaching staff throughout the school for 2021. You will find that teachers that you thought would be in the learning community your child is moving into are quite likely to not be at that level. Rest assured we are very deliberate about the teaching teams every year

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and the strength and professional capacity of our staff mean that every level will be served with excellent teaching and learning – on this I am totally confident. I will outline more of this much later in the year.

Reports - End of year reports will be coming home for all pupils and will be put in envelopes and given to your child on Friday 4 December if all goes according to plan. These reports will summarise the years learning and achievement for each of our pupils in what has been a very different year to the one we expected on day one in February. We will let you know via the school app when to look out for these.

Prizegiving - I hope you have this in your diary for Friday night 11 December at the Lincoln Events Centre. All pupils must attend and be there no later than 5pm. As always, we aim to finish by about 7.45 and this is the last thing that happens in the year. The school is closed for the summer holiday from Monday 14 December.

Building Developments - Over the coming months two projects will get under way. We are replacing the grass area in the primary space with permanent turf thanks to the outstanding efforts of the Parent Association working in partnership with our Proprietors. This will make a significant difference, especially in the winter months as we will be able to use this space even when everywhere else is very wet. We hope to have this complete for the start of 2021.

The second project is the renovation of Ti Kouka block into the main school entry, administration space and staff room. Hopefully this will happen in two stages and be fully complete by the end of 2021. We look forward to a big difference in how we are able to welcome our community into the school. The current admin and staff area will become our Counselling, Learning Support and English Language area.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing prayer and support of the schools functions as we work to serve you and your family.

Grace and peace

Mark Richardson
Principal

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Athletics Year 5 -8

We all braved the cold winds and enjoyed the incredible asset of Nga Puna Wai. We are so blessed to have it in walking distance to our school. It was encouraging to see everyone participating and also seeing those ones shine with the gifts they have been given in speed, strength and athletic ability. The relay at the end of the day was a highlight with house teams competing against a strong year 10 group and the teachers. It is with pride that the year 10's made a clear win, with the teachers coming in second place.



School App and Absences

Have you downloaded our School App?

Key features for parents and caregivers:

1. Immediate alerts direct to your phone for emergency announcements and notices.
2. A quick link to notify of student Absences (alongside email, this is the most efficient way for the office to receive absentee notifications). Remember to notify the school before 9am, even if your child is going to be late for any reason.
3. Links to the Calendar of events for the term/year.
4. Access to staff email addresses so you can communicate with those teaching your children.

Download free for IOS and Android - search for "School Apps" download the app, then search for Aidanfield Christian School. Select that you want to receive notifications.

Remaining Term 4 Dates

Given the year that has been, these dates are to the best of our knowledge. Please keep an eye on teacher emails for changes or additions to this plan).

2 - 6 November	Primary Swimming (Year 1-6)	9 December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play
11 November	Year 4 Marae Trip	10 December	Learning Tree Assembly
12 November	Junior Athletics	11 December	Last Day of School
13 November	Canterbury Anniversary (School Closed)	11 December	***Prizegiving
26 November	Year 5-10 Triathlon		
2 December	Year 6 Celebration Day	South West Zone Athletics	5 th November (postponement date 10 Nov)
2 - 4 December	Year 9/10 Journey		<i>You would have been notified if your child qualified</i>
3 December	*** PAACS Mufti Day – Soft Toy Collection for School Fair		
4 December	Year 3&4 Camp Day (on school site)		
8 December	Middle School Leavers Dinner		*** Note change of dates

Cultural Week and Parade

Galatians 3:28 states that we are all one in Christ and our annual Cultural Week in Term 4 was an expression of our unity, while acknowledging our God-given diversity. We now require over 30 flags to represent our many nationalities at ACS, and these were proudly carried at our Cultural Parade, where we also enjoyed inspiring performances from both our Chinese and Korean students. Thank you to the many parents and supporters who contributed to make this such a special week of learning and celebration.



House Points

To be revealed at prizegiving



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Marangai
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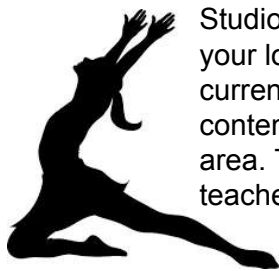


Tuāraki
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Hauāuru
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Community Notices



Studio One Performing Arts, your local dance school, is currently giving Ballet, Jazz and contemporary lessons in your area. The school's director is teacher, choreographer & ex-ballet dancer Patricia Paul A.R.A.D. (London).

Ballet lessons from 3 years through to Advanced, and all levels in Jazz and Contemporary starting from age 7. For all enquiries please phone 372-9191 or email info@studioone.co.nz

Before, After School and Holiday Care Programme
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We are based at **Seven Oaks School**

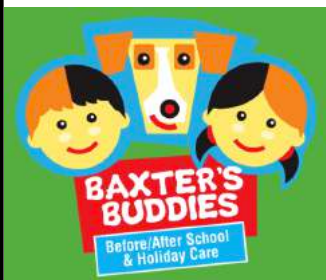
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Drum Tuition (in school)

Graham Thomson
e.grayim@hotmail.com or m. 021 365 313

FOOTBALL?

Junior Competition

For ages Y5-Y10
Friday evenings from 4pm

Youth Competition

For ages 15-17years
Thursday evenings from 4pm

Details

Boys, girls & mixed grades.
5 a side competition.
13 minute halves.
\$40/team/game.
\$15/player registration fee for season.



NETBALL?

Junior Competition

For ages Y7-Y10
Friday evenings from 4pm

Youth Competition

For ages 15-17years
Thursday evenings from 4pm

Details

Girls or Mixed grades
Maximum 3 males on court
7 a side competition.
13 minute halves.
\$56/team/game.
\$15/player registration fee for season.



BASKETBALL?

Junior Competition

For ages Y7-Y10
Friday evenings from 4pm

Youth Competition

For ages 15-17years
Thursday evenings from 4pm

Details

5 a side competition.
Up to 5 subs allowed.
30 minute games.
\$40/team/game.
\$15/player registration fee for season.



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